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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :

(Based on PCT NUMBER PCT/EP00/04140)

FILED: HEREWITH :

FOR: METHOD FOR FRACTIONATION :

OF WATER SOLUBLE OR :

DISPERSIBLE POLYMERS :

CONTAINING AMINO GROUPS :

WITH A BROAD MOLAR MASS :

DISTRIBUTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-17.

Please add the following new claims.

18. (New) A process for the fractionation of water-soluble or water-dispersible synthetic amino-containing polymers by ultrafiltration, wherein the process comprises the following steps:

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